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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 September 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 and 29-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5, 7-13, 22, 23, 29 and 30 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6, 14-21, 24-27 and 31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 09/15/09.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

1. Claims 5, 7-13, 22, 23, 29 and 30 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 12/1/2008.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Claims 27 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by van 't Hoff 6,616,017. The embodiment of figure 7 of Hoff discloses an article for pressurizing a fluid including a product chamber 55, a working propellant chamber 56, a movable wall 1, wherein the device is designed to have the pressure in 56 recover after dispensing to return to a predetermined or working pressure as disclosed on column 7, lines 35-48, (note column 6, line 62, to column 7, line 48), therefore a substantially constant working pressure will be maintained in 56 as claimed, a reservoir propellant chamber 4, a pressure controller 10, and a reference pressure chamber 6.
4. Claims 1-4, 6, 14-21, 24 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over van 't Hoff 6,616,017 in view of DE 42 41 074. Hoff discloses a pressure package system substantially as claimed but does not disclose a wall that moves relative to the pressure controller. However, DE teaches another pressure package system with a product chamber 1, a working propellant chamber located between the wall attached to 7, a reservoir propellant chamber 4, and a pressure controller 5 having a movable wall as is plunger 3 in figure 1, for the purpose of maintaining the propellant separate from the product and preventing mixing of the

product and propellant. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the system of Hoff with a movable wall as, for example, taught by DE in order to maintain the propellant separate from the product and preventing mixing of the product and propellant. In regard to claims 15 and 16, DE teaches the use of nitrogen on page 2, line 20, of the translation.

5. Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over van 't Hoff 6,616,017 in view of DE 42 41 074 as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Lippman et al. 5,423,454. Hoff discloses a pressure package system substantially as claimed but does not disclose the pressure package to be plastic. However, Lippman teaches another pressure package system having a plastic pressure package as disclosed on column 10, lines 4-10, that is made from plastic for the purpose of providing a suitable material that is lightweight and corrosion resistant. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the system of Hoff with a plastic pressure package as, for example, taught by Lippman in order to provide a suitable material that is lightweight and corrosion resistant.

6. Claims 1-4, 6, 14-21, 24, 26, 27 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE 42 41 074 in view of Couffer 3,228,559. The embodiment of figure 1 of DE discloses a pressure package system including a product chamber 1, a working pressure chamber located between the wall attached to 7 and a movable wall as is plunger 3 in figure 1, a high pressure chamber 4, and a pressure controller 5. Therefore, DE discloses a pressure package system substantially as claimed but does

not disclose the pressure controller to have a reference pressure chamber. However, Couffer another pressure controller having reference pressure chamber 13 for the purpose of attaining substantially constant and adjustable working pressure in the combined working pressure and product chamber. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the system of DE with a reference pressure chamber as, for example, taught by Couffer in order to attain a substantially constant and adjustable working pressure in the working pressure chamber. In regard to claims 15 and 16, DE teaches the use of nitrogen on page 2, line 20, of the translation.

7. Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE 42 41 074 in view of Couffer 3,228,559 as applied to claim 1 above and further in view of Lippman et al. 5,423,454. DE discloses a pressure package system substantially as claimed but does not disclose the pressure package to be plastic. However, Lippman teaches another pressure package system having a plastic pressure package as disclosed on column 10, lines 4-10, that is made from plastic for the purpose of providing a suitable material that is lightweight and corrosion resistant. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the system of DE with a plastic pressure package as, for example, taught by Lippman in order to provide a suitable material that is lightweight and corrosion resistant.

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Casimer Jacyna whose telephone number is 571-272-4889. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. thru Fri. 9AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Shaver can be reached on 571-272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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